I WONDER WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ZETAN AFTER THAT
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OH, MR. EARTH, GOOD MORNING TO YOU
MR. ZETAN, HE ASKED ME TO TELL YOU, THAT HE'S GONE TO THE "FENRIR ESTATE INSIDE THE CASTLE TOWN WEST WARD"

...THAT ONE SORTED ITSELF OUT
I WONDER IF THER'RE ANY QUESTS...

"URGENT MISSION", FAIRY QUEEN'S ORDER
WANDERING AND KNIGHT FAIRIES IN THE SOUTH AND THE WEST ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE
WE ARE CARRYING OUT A PINCER ATTACK ON THE MONSTERS BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND THE WEST
MONSTERS ARE TO BE DESTROYED ON SIGHT
PARTICI -PATION REWARD IS 4000 GOL, COMPLIMEN -TARY REWARD SHALL BE ISSUED DEPENDING ON THE QUANTITY

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I SEE!!

LANDLORD, IS IT OK FOR A HUMAN LIKE ME TO PARTICIPATE?
YOU DID A MONSTER EXTERMIN -ATION FOR THE SOUTH FORT TOWN NICELY, SO YOU'D BE WELCOMED

MORE WEIRDOS.....
IS THIS THE INN, MASTER "WILD HAIR" ZETAN IS STAYING AT!?

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WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO, LILLTY, WE'RE IN A PINCH WITHOUT MASTER ZETAN
ROH: MALE
CLASS: ATTACKER

THAT WAS THE CASE, BUT HE WENT AWAY ALREADY
YES, HE DEPARTED EARLY THIS MORNING

DON'T YOU REMEMBER HOW THE PREVIOUS SOUTHERN FORT TOWN SUPERVISOR WAS PUNISHED?
LILTY: FEMALE
CLASS: MAGICIAN
THIS SUBJUGATION IS UNLIKELY TO BE CANCELLED, RIGHT!?
IF WE TURN DOWN HER MAJESTY'S PERSONAL REQUEST...

IT'S AS LILTY SAID, ROH
WE CAN BARELY MANAGE TAKING DOWN A HIGH RABBIT, RIGHT?
MIA: FEMALE CLASS: TANK
WE'RE UNSKILLED, SO, THERE'S A HIGH PROBABILITY OF LOSING SOMEONE, WHILE CLEARING THE TASK, MIA
COLLIN: MALE CLASS: HEALER

BUT, COLLIN, WE DID AGREE ON TAKING ON THIS JOB, RIGHT?
ACTUALLY "TO PARTY UP WITH MASTER ZETAN AND SPEND THE MONEY ON EQUIPMENT!!"
YOU WERE THE ONE, INISISTING ON THAT, COLLIN, RIGHT?
EXCUSE MY RUDENESS, BUT I TOOK A PEAK AT YOUR SUBJUG -ATION RECORD...

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YOU'RE PRETTY RECKLESS
ANYONE WOULD REFUSE YOU BECAUSE OF YOUR RECLESSNESS

LET ME PUT IT STRAIGHT
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DIE, YOU'D BETTER GET ONE MORE MEMBER
YOU SHOULD PRAY TO HEAVEN TO SEND YOU SOMEONE
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LA... LANDLORD, DO YOU KNOW OF ANY CAPABLE WANDERING FAIRIES!?
WE'RE SCREWED, THERE CAN'T BE ANY GOOD FAIRIES LEFT BY NOW
I'M SORRY, BUT ALMOST EVERYONE LEFT FOR THE SUBJUGA -TION

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BUT THERE'S ONE SKILLED HUMAN ADVENTURER RIGHT HERE!!
WHY'RE YOU POINTING THIS WAY!?

THEREFORE, SHOW YOUR STRENGTH, AS A MAN WHO FOUGHT ALONG WITH ZETAN
I WANT YOU TO SHOW EVEN A DROP OF THAT POWER
UGH
IF THEY DON'T GROW, THEY'LL BE KNOCKING ON HEAVEN'S DOOR IN NO TIME
BUT UNLIKE YOU, "SPECIAL" HUMANS, WE DON'T HAVE SECOND CHANCES
THEY ARE DIRELY LACKING IN EXPERIENCE
OOH.... IT'S REALLY A HUMAN ...
TN: HE MEANS, THAT, IF PLAYERS ARE KILLED, THEY'RE IMMEDIATELY "REBORN" AT THE NEAREST TOWN
I'LL PAY YOU 10000 GOLS FOR THIS REQUEST OF MINE
MAYBE, BEING OF THE SAME RACE, I'M SPOILING THEM, BUT I ASK OF YOU JUST THIS TIME
...I GET, WHAT YOU'RE DRIVING AT
BUT I WANTED TO GO BY MYSELF

TN: YUP, LOOK CLOSER, THEY'RE BOTH THERE

AFTER ACCEPTING THE LAND LORD'S REQUEST, I WENT TO THE MONSTER SUBJUG -ATION AREA
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TO KILL A HIGH RABBIT AND A THIEF BIRD WITH ONE ARROW
BUT I SOON CAME TO REGRET THIS

THEIR PARTY CONSISTS OF
MIA, THE TANK, PHYSICAL ATTACKER POH, HEALER COLLIN AND MAGIC ATTACKER, LILTY
.....
AND THOUGH IT SEEMS WELL BALANCED ....
I'VE GOT AN IMPRESSION, THAT NOTHING BUT BALANCE WAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT

HUH—? TAUNT IS ON, BUT NOBODY SEEMS TO ATTACK
ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY WAS FULL OF OPENINGS, MIA STUCK TO DEFENCE, NOT EVEN TRYING TO ATTACK

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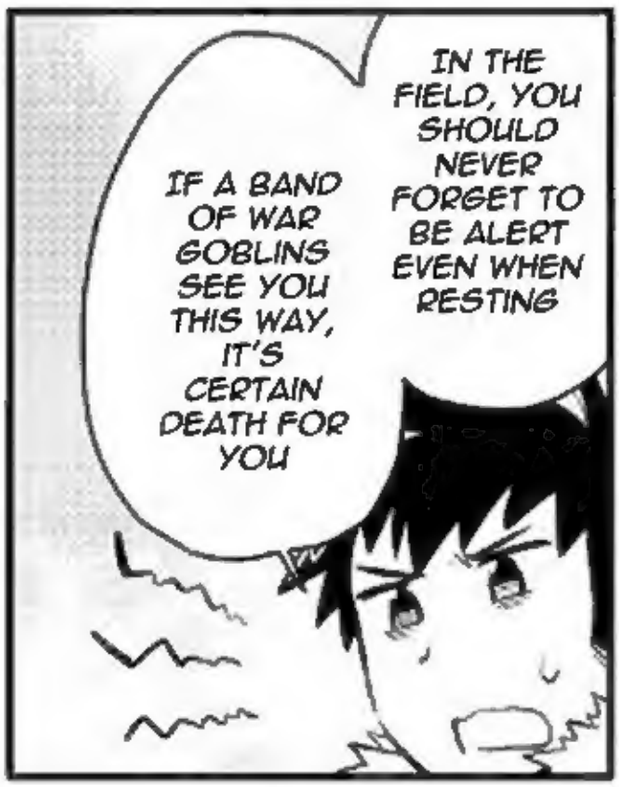
...HEY-HEY, ARE YOU TRYING TO KILL YOUR ALLY!?
ROH WAS CONSTANTLY LEAVING IS POSITION AND GOING ON RAMPAGE

COLLIN THE HEALER ONLY CASTS RESTORA -TION MAGIC, COMPLETLY FORGETING THE SUPPORT ONE

NOT EVEN THINKING OF TAKING AIM BY MY ARROW
MAGIC ATTACK, LILTY, ALWAYS STAYED BEHIND ME WITHOUT MOVING, AS IF IT WAS A MATTER OF COURSE
I HAVE NO CHANCE HERE, HUH

THEY'RE FINISHED IF THEY STAY THIS WAY...
UGH... THE LANDLORD WAS RIGHT ABOUT THESE FOUR


IN THE FIELD, YOU SHOULD NEVER FORGET TO BE ALERT EVEN WHEN RESTING
IF A BAND OF WAR GOBLINS SEE YOU THIS WAY, IT'S CERTAIN DEATH FOR YOU

ALL YOU DO IS REST
WE'RE NOT BEHIND THE FORT WALL, Y'KNOW
A.. A LITTLE BREAK ...

HEY ....
IS A BOW SUCH A STRONG WEAPON ...?

...I SEE

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IF YOU CHANGE YOUR WEAPON TO A BOW, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIGHT FROM THE GET-GO, Y'KNOW?
BY OFFENSIVE ABILITY ALONG, ROH'S TWO-HANDED SWORD AND YOUR ONE-HANDED ONE ARE MUCH STRONGER
AND BOW IS MUCH MORE DIFFICULT TO HANDLE THE SWORD

ACTUALLY, THERE ARE SO MANY FAULTS, THAT WE WOULD BE DEAD BY NOW
AFTER ALL, IT'S NOT THE WEAPON, BUT WE ARE TO BLAME, RIGHT?
WE'RE TRYING OUT BEST, SO WHAT ARE OUR MISTAKES ...?
THEN, LET ME SPEAK THE FULL TRUTH
HOW MANY TIMES DID MINA TRY TO ATTACK?
CAREFULLY CONSIDER YOUR PLACE AND TIMING
WITH A TWO-HANDED SWORD IT'S IMPORTANT TO HIT FROM THE BASE OF THE HANDLE
WOAH!!
...UH-HUM
FOR THEM TO NOT DIE, I'LL HAVE TO BE THEIR GUARD
I DON'T WANT THESE FOUR TO DIE BECAUSE I DIDN'T MAKE THEM GROW
...IT'S A BIT TROUBLE-SOME, THAT THEY DON'T SEE IT THEM-SELVES
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MIA, TAKE GUARD OVER THERE!! WHEN THE HIGH RABBIT SHOWS AN OPENING, "SLASH" IT!!
ROH, IF MIA'S SLASH FALTERS, SHIFT VERTICALLY WITH YOUR ZWEIHANDER !!
DON'T MISS HIT MIA!!
LILITY, MOVE HORIZONTALLY, AND, WHEN YOU SECURE A SHOOTING LINE, HIT THE MONSTER WITH A "FIRE LANCE"!! COLLIN, WATCH EVERYONE CONSTANTLY, IF YOU FEEL ANY DANGER, START CHANTING!!
I DIDN'T ORIGINALLY PLAN TO DO SUCH A TACTICAL TRAINING ON THE SPOT
BUT IF I DON'T DO THAT, THEY WON'T GROW ANYTIME SOON
LUCKILY, THE PARTY, THAT'S LEFT EARLIER, REAERD THE MONSTERS A BIT, SO THEY WERE RATHER FEW
BUT, OF COURSE, EVEN IF YOU HAVE "DANGER SENSING", YOU SHOULDN'T NEGELCT CAUTION
THAT'S IT MIA, DON'T JUST ATTRACT THE OPPONENT, BUT PROVOKE THEM WITH ATTACKS!!
DONT'JUST BE STANDING BEHIND THE SHIELD, EVASION IS ALSO IMPORTANT!!

YOU SHOULD STOP THE MOMENTUM OF THE 2 VANGUARD MONSTERS, DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO ME, JUST FIRE YOUR STRONGEST
SPELLS !!
LILTY, YOU GET ME, YEAH?
GOOD, ROH!! DON'T JUST SWING THOUGHT -LESSLY
YOUR HIT IS OUR STRONG -EST ATTACK

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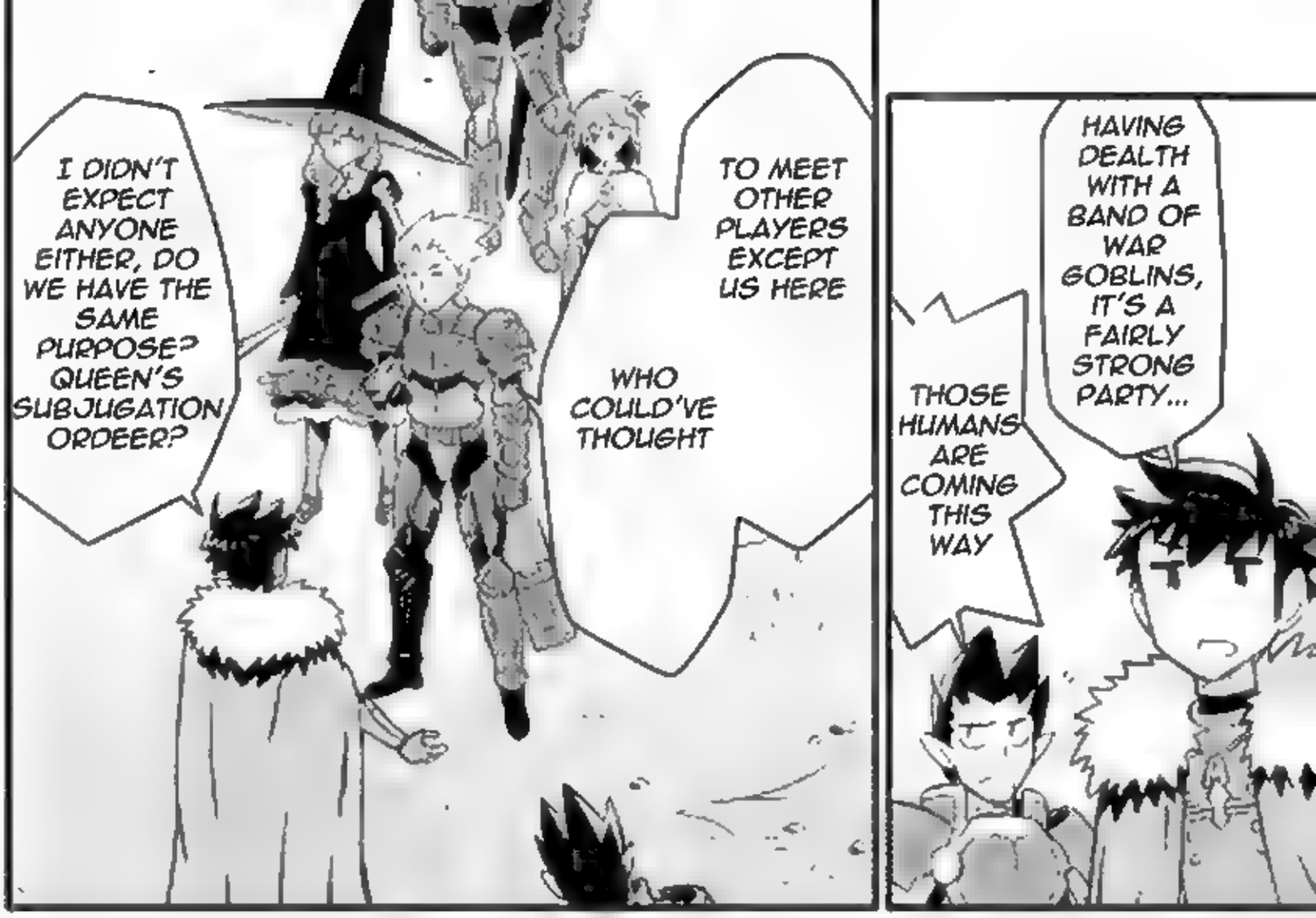
AND, COLLIN, YOUR JOB IS NOT JUST HEALING, BT ALSO RASING EVERYONE'S DEFENCE!!

SO, NOW, THAT YOU GET IT, LET'S CONTINUE TO THE SUBJUGATION GROUNDS
I DON'T THINK YOU WANT TO BE PUNISHED, RIGHT?
DID THE LANDLORD DO THAT, BECAUSE HE KNEW IT WOULD BE THIS WAY...
...WE'RE FIGHTING ....
SHE'S PROBABLY RIGHT

I'VE STOPPED THE DEMON, ROH, YOUR TURN!!
SO, STEADILY HUNTING THE MONSTERS WITH 5 OF US, WE WERE PROGRESS -ING WESTWARD
LUCKILY, WE'VE MANAGED TO EVADE THE WAR GOBLINS UP TO THAT MOMENT
LEAVE IT TO ME
ALL RIGHT, LILTY, HIT IT NOW!!
BURN DOWN!!
MIA, I'M CASTING RESTOR -ATION MAGIC
O~K
<FIRE LANCE>
TIME...

SO, WE'VE HUNTED DOWN 30 DIFFER -ENT MONS -TERS
EXACTLY, 22 HIGH RABBITS
AND 8 WAR DEERS
TO FINISH IT

HEY, LOOK AT THAT PARTY
THANKS TO THAT, WE WERE IN FOR A LARGE BONUS ON OUR RETURN TO THE INN
BECAUSE THESE 4 LEARNT THEIR MOVEMENTS, THE PACE OF THE HUNT HAS NATURALLY INCREASED


I DIDN'T EXPECT ANYONE EITHER, DO WE HAVE THE SAME PURPOSE? QUEEN'S SUBJUGATION ORDEER?
WHO COULD'VE THOUGHT
TO MEET OTHER PLAYERS EXCEPT US HERE
HAVING DEALTH WITH A BAND OF WAR GOBLINS, IT'S A FAIRLY STRONG PARTY...
THOSE HUMANS ARE COMING THIS WAY

DID YOU PARTY UP WITH FAIRIES!?
AND YOU ARE.... EH!?

WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS!? DO YOU NEED TO HAVE SOME SPECIAL ITEM WITH YOU!?
EHM... YUP, IT'S POSSIBLE, AND THIS TIME THERE WERE OTHER CIRUMST -ANCES

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THE LANDLORD AT THE INN INTRODUCED HIM TO US AND HE AGREED TO GIVE US A HAND!!
HEY, WE'RE NOT THINGS, WE DON'T NEED NO CONDITIONS OR ITEMS!!
DID YOU ACTIVATE YOUR NATURAL CHARM
EEH... WHAT IS THIS CUTE CREATURE...
ALL I UNDER-STAND ABOUT HUMAN CULTURE IS THAT I DON'T GET IT A ALL
IT MAKES ONE THINK OF DIFFER-ENECES IN THE CULTURE...
IT'S A USUAL THING TO US THOUGH...
BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE ALOT OF PLAYERS WITH THIS KIND OF DEVIA-TIONS
UP TO THIS POINT I'VE ALREADY DEALT WITH FAIRIES HERE

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I WANT TO TAKE YOU HOME
A REAL SHOTA BOY, "PANT"
RIGHT, RIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH!! DON'T SCARE THEM, PLEASE
ENOUGH OF PLAYING LOVE FOR TODAY
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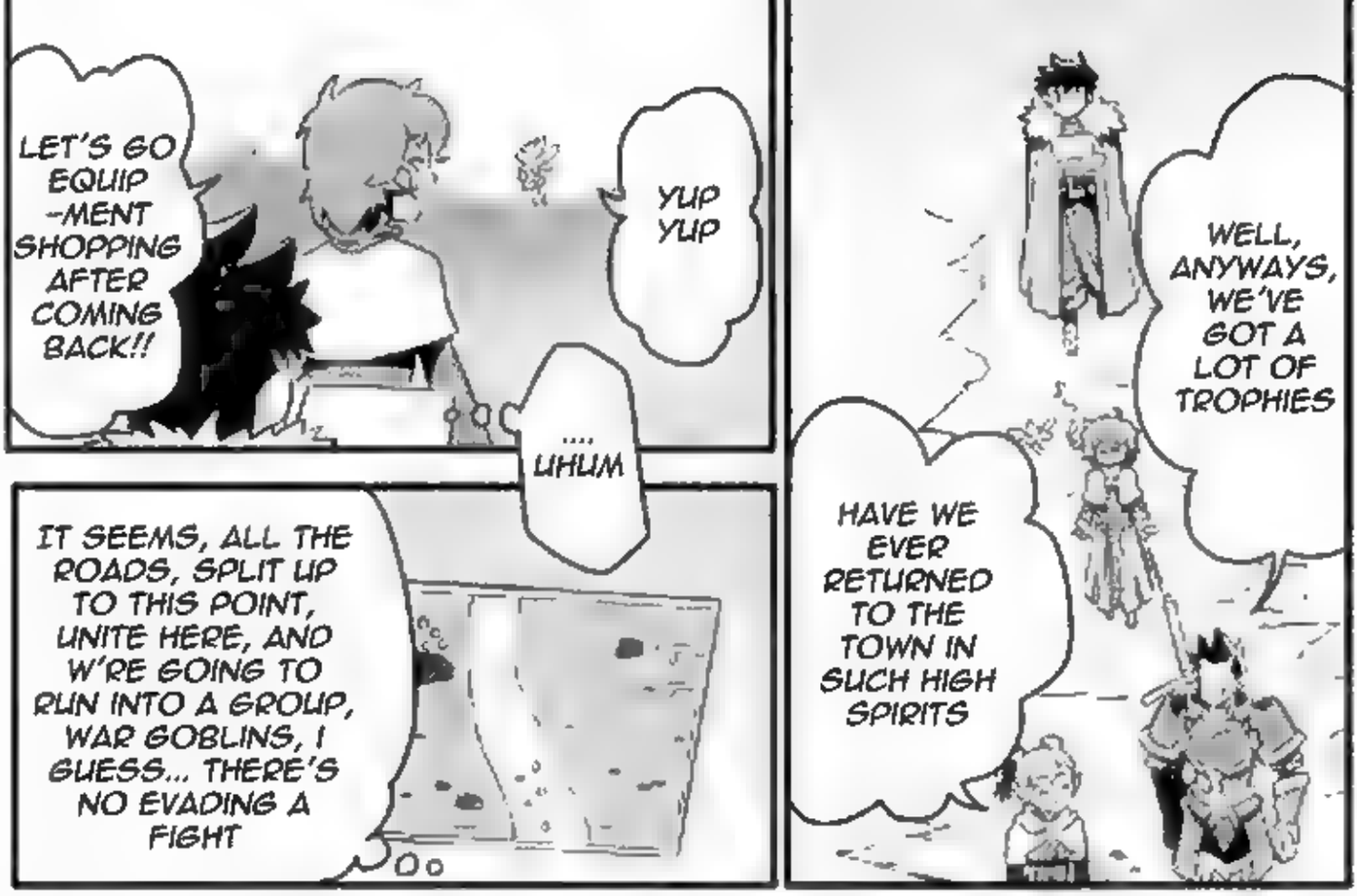
SORRY, MANY OF OUR MEMBERS ARE PRETTY MUCH ROTTEN IN THIS SENSE ...
THOUGH, THEY'RE STILL GOOD FIGHTERS
TH... THANK YOU FOR STOP-PING THEM
THEY'VE SCARED MY PARTY OUR OF THEIR PANTS
UHUM, EVERY OTHER MEMEBER, EXCEPT FOR YOU IS A FAIRY....
MR. "FAIRY WHISPERER" EARTH

IF YOU LOOK WITHOUT PREFE-RENCE, FROM A STANDPOINT OF EQUALITY
I'D PREFER PEOPLE TO LEARN TO GET CLOSER TO FAIRIES
LOOK AT MY PARTY, THEY SEEM TO BE TOTALLY SWAYED BY FAIRIES
I WON'T DO ANYTHING TO YOU MY ANGEL
HE'S SEEN ME DURING THE BATTLE AGAINST THE QUEEN, I GUESS?
WE'RE TURNING BACK WEST FROM HERE, PROCEEDING WITH THE SUBJUGATION
AND WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING TO DO?
I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN... I, TOO HAVEN'T SHAKEN DOWN THE PRINCIPLES OF THE MAINSTREAM MMOS
I'VE LEARNT ALOT TODAY
GUYS, THAT'S ENOUGH, WE'RE GOING BACK
RIGHT
WE'RE ALSO GOING TO RESUME OUR HUNT FACING SOUTH
WELL, SEE YOU SOMEDAY


LET'S GO EQUIP -MENT SHOPPING AFTER COMING BACK!!
YUP YUP
.... UHUM
IT SEEMS, ALL THE ROADS, SPLIT UP TO THIS POINT, UNITE HERE, AND W'RE GOING TO RUN INTO A GROUP, WAR GOBLINS, I GUESS... THERE'S NO EVADING A FIGHT
WELL, ANYWAYS, WE'VE GOT A LOT OF TROPHIES
HAVE WE EVER RETURNED TO THE TOWN IN SUCH HIGH SPIRITS

THERE'S ON IMPORTANT THING I HAVEN'T TAUGHT YOU YET
I GUESS, THE LAST LESSON TO THESE 4 WILL BE ABOUNT CONSTANT VIGILANCE

BE EVEN MORE CAREFUL ON YOUR WAY BACK!!
AND THAT IS.....

WAR GOBLINS !!
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SO THE 2 REMAING ARE A TANK AND MAGE...
GRR.....
THEY'RE BEAT UP, BUT ENOUGH STRENGTH TO ELIMINATE THESE 4 GUYS
MIA, FULL DEFENCE MODE!!
<BINDING>
OTHERS TOO, PROTECT YOURSELF WITH ALL YOU'VE GOT!!
HUH. ...
HEY!!

THAT ....
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MAGIC FIELD MAKER!?

GEH !?
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FAREWELL!!
<GATTLING ARROW>
YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK...

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DID IT TEAR THE "BIND-ING" HIMSELF?
BUT, TO HIS REGRET, I DON'T INTEND TO FIGHT A TANK HEAD-ON

SO LONG
<ARROW TWISTER>

SO WE WERE ALMOST AMBUSH -ED
OO OO OH...
OH MY, SEEMS THAT'S THROWN THE FARIES INTO A DISARRAY ...
EARTH IS SO SKILLED, THAT HE PUT THEM DOWN ALONE
IN OTHER WORDS, EARTH
THEIR MISCALCULATION WAS THE PRESENCE OF A HUMAN, WHO COULD LAUNCH A MASSIVE FIRE ATTACK WITHOUT CHANTING
SFX: HUG
NOW YOU GET IT, WHY LETTING YOUR GUARD DOWN MEANS RISKING YOUR LIFE, SIDE THOUGHTS ARE GOOD ONLY AFTER YOU GET THE REWARD
I WAS SCARED, TERRIFIED ...

HO-HO-HO, I GUESS YOU'VE TAUGHT THOSE 4 A GOOD LESSON
BUT WON'T 10000 GOLS RUIN YOUR BUDGET
SO, THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED IN THE END...
I'LL START MOVING ON FROM HERE LITTLE BY LITTLE
MY SUPPLY OF "REINFOR-CEMENT OIL"IS SHORT AND MY BOW NEEDS FIXING
HERE'S YOUR REWARD OF 80050 GOLS INCLUDING MY OWN 10000
WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING TO DO AFTER THIS?
I SEE, THOUGH I DON'T WANT YOU TO LEAVE
.... UHUM
PIKASHA, COULD YOU COME HERE PLEASE~
HOW'RE YOU GOING TO MOVE?
THEY'VE LAUNCHED STAGE-COACHES, BUT NOT TOWARDS THE SOUTH YET

SO, I GUESS, YOU'VE TRAVELLED THIS WAY ALREADY, HUH
EH...HM!? ISN'T THE GROUND SOMEHOW SHAKY?
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I DON'T THINK IT IS TOO HARD FOR HER~
SHE'S SO COMFY TO FLY ON HER
HAHAH, THERE'RE TIMES, WHEN SHE TURNS DOWN EVEN THE NOBLES
IT WON'T COME TO YOUR BECKONING CALL JUST LIKE THAT
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...LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT
GOOD THING SHE DIDN'T BREAK A LEG OR SOMETHING
SHE REALLY IS...
...ON MY BECKON -ING CALL